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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Sir:

1. I, KIRK O. HAHN, declare as follows:
2. My address is #1313, 401 Holland Lane, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314 USA.
3. I am a Registered US Patent Agent with Registration Number 51,763.
4. On April 29, 2009, I directed a clerical staff member at Hogan & Hartson to file by EFS-Web a Request for Continued Examination along with a Preliminary Amendment and Response to Previous Final Rejection.
5. Unintentionally, the clerical staff member failed to file the EFS Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form and the Basic Filing fee for an RCE, along with the Preliminary Amendment and Response to Previous Final Rejection.
6. The Advisory Action mailed on May 21, 2009 was the first document received from the Patent Office indicating the application had been abandoned.
7. I declare the failure to pay the filing fees for an RCE has been unintentional for the entire period from January 31, 2009 to the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b).

8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Moreover, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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